

## MONTANA

**Nationwide, COVID-19 has had a devastating impact on the arts. Thanks to historic investments, the NEA is helping the arts and cultural sector to recover, rebuild, and reopen. In 2020:**

- Arts and cultural production in Montana added **3.4%** or **\$1.8 billion** to the state's economy.
- Montana's arts and cultural industries employed **15,230** workers. These workers earned wages and benefits totaling over **\$1 billion**.

## GRANTS TO THE STATE

**Over a five-year period (FY 2018-2022), the NEA distributed \$10,861,516 in federal funds to grant applicant organizations in this state, either directly or through state and regional partners.**

The Arts Endowment awarded **89** direct grants throughout Montana over the past 5 years, totaling **\$8,159,996**. These direct grants included:

- Symphony performances and educational outreach in honor of Black History Month and the 60th anniversary of the founding of Motown Records
- The Big Sky DocShop conference at the Big Sky Film Festival
- The expansion of MAPS Media Institute's media arts education programs, focused on students from underserved communities in rural Montana

## NEA NATIONAL INITIATIVES IN THE STATE

*In addition to offering direct grants, the NEA supports national initiatives benefiting people across the country. Over the past five years:*

**Blue Star Museums** program provided free admission to thousands of active military personnel and their families at **30** participating museums in Montana.

**Poetry Out Loud** program provided opportunities for an average of **3,169** students per year attending **110** unique high schools in Montana to appreciate—through study, memorization, and public recitation— great poetry.

The **NEA Big Read** program generated **355** community events focused on reading outstanding American literature and involving more than **11,796** adults and students in Montana.

